

### In the Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A ~~denim-like~~ Clothing mainly comprising a polyethylene terephthalate woven or knitted fabric having a roughness index of equal to or more than 3 micrometers as determined with a measuring machine KES-FB4 and having a whitening index of less than or equal Class 4, the woven or knitted fabric comprising ultrafine fibers or multi-core fibers capable of forming ultrafine fibers comprising a polyethylene terephthalate polymer as a multicore component on its surface, and the whitening index ~~being~~ expressed in a grey scale for assessing change in color specified in Japanese Industrial Standards (JIS L0804).
2. (Currently Amended) The ~~denim-like~~ clothing according to claim 1, wherein the whitening index is from Class 4 to Class 1 as expressed in the grey scale for assessing change in color specified in JIS L0804.
3. (Currently Amended) The ~~denim-like~~ clothing according to claim 2, wherein the whitening index is from Class 4 to Class 1-2 as expressed in the grey scale for assessing change in color specified in JIS L0804.
4. (Cancelled)
5. (Currently Amended) The ~~denim-like~~ clothing according to claim 1, wherein the roughness index is from 3 to 20 micrometers as determined with a measuring machine, KEB-FB4.
6. (Currently Amended) The ~~denim-like~~ clothing according to claim 6 1, wherein roughness index is from 4 to 15 micrometers as determined with a measuring machine, KES-FB4.
7. (Currently Amended) The ~~denim-like~~ clothing according to claim 1, wherein the woven or knitted fabric is one selected from voile, mat USU (mat worsted), jacquard, corduroy, amunzen, cord

and pile stitch.

8. (Currently Amended) The ~~denim-like~~ clothing according to claim 1, wherein the woven or knitted fabric is one selected from taffeta, poplin, grey sheeting, and SMOOTHNESS (interlock fabric).

9. (Currently Amended) The ~~denim-like~~ clothing according to claim 1, wherein the ultrafine fibers or fibers capable of forming ultrafine fibers are ultrafine fibers having a fineness of less than or equal to 0.6 dtex or fibers capable of forming ultrafine fibers having a fineness of less than or equal to 0.6 dtex.

10. (Currently Amended) The ~~denim-like~~ clothing according to claim 9, wherein the ultrafine fibers or fibers capable of forming ultrafine fibers are ultrafine fibers having a fineness of less than or equal to 0.3 dtex or fibers capable of forming ultrafine fibers having a fineness of less than or equal to 0.3 dtex.

11. – 12. (Cancelled)

13. (Currently Amended) The ~~denim-like~~ clothing according to claim 11, wherein the multicore fibers comprise, as a matrix component, a polyester containing from 1.5% to 15% by mole of a  $-\text{SO}_3\text{M}$  group, where M is a hydrogen atom, an alkaline metal or an alkaline earth metal.

14. (Currently Amended) The ~~denim-like~~ clothing according to claim 13, wherein the matrix component is a polyester containing from 3% to 12% by mole of a  $-\text{SO}_3\text{M}$  group, where M is a hydrogen atom, an alkaline metal or an alkaline earth metal.

15. (Currently Amended) The ~~denim-like~~ clothing according to claim 13, wherein the matrix component has been treated with an acid.

16. (Currently Amended) The ~~denim-like~~ clothing according to claim 11 1, wherein the multicore fibers are conjugated fibers comprising a matrix component and plural segments of a core component, and wherein the plural segments of the core component in the form of wedges are radically arranged in the matrix component in cross section to thereby form a spoke- or radius-form cross section.

17. (Currently Amended) The ~~denim-like~~ clothing according to claim 11 1, wherein the multicore fibers each comprise different components, and wherein the different components act as a matrix with respect to each other and can be separated from each other.

18. (Currently Amended) The ~~denim-like~~ clothing according to claim 17, wherein the different components are a polyamide and a polyester.

19. (Currently Amended) The ~~denim-like~~ clothing according to claim 1, wherein the ~~denim-like~~ clothing is dyed.

20. (Currently Amended) A method of producing a ~~denim-like~~ clothing, ~~the method comprising:~~ ~~the step of~~ flexing or rubbing to thereby yield the ~~denim-like~~ clothing as claimed in claim 1.

21. (Currently Amended) The method of producing a ~~denim-like~~ clothing according to claim 20, wherein the flexing or rubbing ~~step~~ is performed by stonewashing.

22. (Currently Amended) The method of producing a ~~denim-like~~ clothing according to claim 20, wherein the flexing or rubbing ~~step~~ is performed in combination with a coloring operation.

23. (Currently Amended) The method of producing a ~~denim-like~~ clothing according to claim 20 further comprising, prior to the flexing or rubbing, ~~step, the step of treatment~~ treating with an acidic treatment solution having a ~~with~~ pH of from 1.5 to 4 at ~~a~~ temperatures from 100°C to 140°C to

thereby yield the ~~denim-like~~ clothing ~~as claimed in~~ of claim 14.